



Liverpool College

Principal's Newsletter

30th September 2011

Dear Parents,

Next **Monday, October 3rd**, is an **INSET morning** for Upper School staff. Upper School will begin at 09.00 rather than 08.30. The school buses will run at the normal time.

Next Thursday, October 6th, our Year 13 pupils will give their Extended Project presentations. This will take place in the dining room from 16.15-17.30. Mrs Reid encourages parents and staff to come along and find out what our Sixth Formers have been researching, creating, and producing.

Next Saturday, October 8th, is Open Day. Many pupil volunteers are needed to act as guides for our visitors. We will need a veritable army of guides, as many as 80 if history is any guide, and, because there are so many sports and other activities that need pupil participation on Open Day, this will mean that a majority of Upper School pupils will be involved.

Next Friday, October 7th, at 13.15 we will host our first Palm House concert of the academic year. These concerts are a wonderful lunchtime interlude on a Friday and I invite any parent, whether their child is performing or not, to attend.

On Wednesday night, Foundation Members had a foretaste of the musical talent on offer as Anna Parry, Melissa Jones, Fiona Sinclair-Ford, Ted Burnham and Isobel Wilson all performed accompanied by Mr Harvey.

It has been about ten years since Liverpool College 1st XV defeated Calday Grange 1st XV, but that is what happened this Wednesday in the Daily Mail Cup. I was not at the match but an informed spectator praised our team's intensity and self-discipline and the performances of Jordan Tisdale and Jake Jensen. Our forwards, he proclaimed, were magnificent. Three wins on the trot. Next, they will play St Edwards in this cup.

Earlier in the week our U13 and U12 teams defeated Ellesmere College away.

Speaking of rugby, congratulations to Laura Davidson who is the first ever pupil at the College to be selected as a Lancashire women's rugby player at U18 level. Tony Hammond, Alex Cooke and James Washington have all been selected for the Merseyside U15 side.

The U16 girls' hockey team have qualified for the North West Finals after winning the County tournament on Tuesday. The girls were unbeaten and did not concede a goal. They beat St Marys 2-0 in their final match with goals from Eleanor Clark and Ella Moss.

The U15 girls' hockey team remain unbeaten in the Liverpool League as they beat St Julies 2 - 0 on Thursday. Goals were scored by Olivia Nicholson and Eleanor Clark.

Congratulations to Sarah Bazley-Harrison who has been selected for the North of England U18 hockey squad. Well done also to Connie Dodgshon, Abi McLindon and Claudia Jackaman-White who were selected to attend

the North of England trials. Although they narrowly missed out on selection this time round, to reach the later stages of the selection process was a tremendous achievement.

There have been a number of Netball matches this week. On Saturday we had a block fixture against QEGS, Blackburn and on Wednesday three year groups played league fixtures against Archbishop Blanch. The Year 10 team were most successful winning both of their fixtures.

I have been asked by the PE Faculty to remind parents who received a copy of the Upper School Sports Policy, to please sign the slip at the end of the document and ask your son/daughter to hand it to their House Tutor or team coach as soon as possible.

After two weeks of work in their final GCSE year, our Year 11 received their first mentoring marks. This is a new system through which pupils receive feedback on their performance during the previous two weeks relative to their predicted GCSE grades. In the event that they are not achieving at target level, they are asked, depending on the severity of their underperformance, to attend up to 6 Principal's Tutorials in the ensuing two weeks. During these sessions, we hope to correct any problems of understanding, offer progressive work, and develop habits of study and preparation which will lead to success.

Lunchtimes have been a busy period this week. The Beechlands kitchen echoed to the sound of chopping and blending as Mr Lock's Sixth Form cookery class began preparing a recipe of pasta with a pancetta and vegetable sauce. Our young chefs in Year 8 were also busy cooking harissa spiced turkey wraps accompanied by home made humous, all under the watchful eye of parents who give their valuable time to offer such an exciting opportunity to our younger pupils.

The Sports Hall has seen record numbers of girls involved in lunchtime sports this week. Trampolining club has become so popular that a rotation of members is needed, whilst the hottest day of term saw Miss Townley begin her football training sessions for a large number of younger girls.

Dr Atkins reported that for the first time he has had to hold auditions for the 'Junior Kids Lit' team and that there was fierce competition for selection. It is not just our younger pupils who are getting involved. Mrs Reid has also been delighted to see such an enthusiastic response from her Sixth Form debating group who are preparing hard for their first speeches on a motion concerning the introduction of free schools.

Mr Ridley would like to invite all interested pupils in Year 9 and upwards to join the CCF 'Chavasse Platoon'. This core group meets from 16.00-18.00 on a Thursday evening and is a great opportunity to benefit from the vast range of activities that we offer under the CCF umbrella.

We have finalised the term dates for the 2012-13 academic year and they are available to view on the College website [here](#).

May I wish you and your family a sunny and happy weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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